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FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Retrenchments in the Railway Department.

ORDER NO. FL. 3275-8—G. F. 95-31-1, DATED 7TH NOVEMBER 1931.

In view of the heavy fall in gross earnings of the Mysore Railways, proposals for effecting economies in the Budgetted Expenditure of the Railway Department were called for and according to the proposals submitted by the Agent, in consultation with the Heads of Departments, the following reductions in the Budgetted Expenditure of the current year have been approved:—

		Rs.
1. Reductions under grants from Depreciation Fund	..	1,17,000
2. Reductions under grants for Revenue Expenditure.		
XXIV.—Railways 2.— Working Expenses.—		
Railways worked by Government ..	...	44,000
Total saving on Revenue account	...	1,61,000
3. Saving on allotments for Capital Works:—		
37.—Railways and Tramways.		
1. Open Lines.—		
Lines worked by Government ...	..	63,000
Construction grant ..	..	50,000
(being the amount transferred from Construction grant for alterations and additions to Passenger and Goods Yard at Bangalore City, *vide* Government Order No. 200-202, dated 25th July 1931.)		
Total reduction on Capital Grant	..	1,13,000

2. Government also approve of the instructions issued by the Agent, supplementary to those contained in Government Order No. Fl. 1795-1850—G. F. 54-31-1, dated 14th September 1931, to enforce economy in the Railway Department, as detailed in the annexure.

3. It is proposed by the Agent to utilise the saving of Rs. 63,000 effected on Capital Grant for ordering Rail Motor Coaches with a view to overcome bus competition and to divert passenger traffic to Railways in which there has been considerable decline of late. The running of Rail Motor Coaches providing almost all the facilities which the buses offer is one of the means which has to be tried as early as possible for the protection of Railway Revenue. The Agent is requested to submit proposals in the matter.

B. SRINVASAI IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

ANNEXURE.

Instruction contained in Government Order No. Fl. 1795-1850—G. F. 54-31-1, dated 14th September 1931, regarding economies in the budget grants of 1931-32, should be strictly followed and adhered to.

The maximum amount of travelling allowance to be drawn by the touring officers of the Railway Department to be fixed as under while travelling on Home Line:—

All Officers of the Railway Department .. Rs. 50 per mensem in each of their individual capacity.

Subordinates.—

Traffic Inspectors Inspector of Travelling Accounts .. Boiler Inspector	Rs. 40 per mensem.
Permanent Way Inspectors ...	Rs. 10 per mensem.

Heads of Departments to fix similar rates in respect of other subordinate office staff and detailed list to be sumbitted to the Agent early for approval.

The amount provided over and above these rates will be saved and shall not be available for expenditure. Every officer, official and subordinate, of the department

will, in the interests of the Department and Railway working, move about as frequently as possible but restrict the claim of Travelling Allowance to the limits prescribed during the period of financial stringency.

Contingencies.—All avoidable expenditure for purchase of books, stationery, furniture, etc., to be avoided. Powers of sanction vested with the Heads of Departments are withdrawn, and in all cases the sanction of the Agent should be obtained.

Stationery.—Every economy in the use of stationery should be made and no more than quarter sheets of paper should be used for ordinary correspondence.

Consumable Stores.—Should be reduced by 33 per cent, so as not to impair efficiency or endanger safety in working of Locomotives and other working stock.

All repairs to buildings and works to be stopped unless they are required in the interests of safety only.

All works that are not urgent or immediately required in the interests of public safety or capable of yielding a return on capital should be stopped, unless works should be in a very advance stage of construction or nearing completion.

No works other than of the above category should be undertaken without the special sanction of the Agent.

As stated in para 5 of the Government Order dated 14th September 1931, no leave will be granted if it involves extra cost except on grounds of ill-health supported by medical certificate or for other urgent and unavoidable cause.

All House Rent and Water Allowance now sanctioned in Engineering, Traffic and Loco Departments to be reviewed, so as to economise the expenditure on this head as far as possible.

It has also been resolved that all expenditure relating to 1930-31 and previous years as far as possible be adjusted in the accounts for last year 1930-31 so as not to burden the expenses with the current year and thereby increase the Revenue deficit.

REDUCTIONS EFFECTED UNDER

I. ORDINARY WORKING EXPENSES.—

			Rs.
Subject to the transfer of provision of Rs. 10,475 (pay of P. A.) from Abstract F. (page 53 of Rolls) to Abstract A.	*Abstract A.*—(Engineering.)—		
	General Administration ..	..	4,300
	Ordinary repairs and maintenance	..	16,000
	Abstract B and C—(Loco.)—		
	General Administration ..	..	2,600
	Ordinary repairs and maintenance	..	12,400
	Abstract E.—(Traffic.)—		
	Operating Expenses ..	..	5,000
	Abstract F.—(General Administration)	..	3,600
	Total	..	43,900
	or	..	44,000
	Due to retrenchment and retirement	..	10,500
	Ordinary repairs and maintenance	..	28,500
	Hire of Rolling Stock ..	..	5,000
	Total	..	44,000

II. DEPRECIATION FUND.—

1.	Repairs to Coaches ..	..	10,000
2.	Do Locos ..	..	11,000
3.	Do Boilers (savings) ..	..	10,000
4.	Sleepers ..	..	3,000
5.	Remodelling Mysore Yard ..	..	7,700
6.	Reserve	..	12,500
7.	Credit for rails (old) already sold	..	20,700
8.	Further anticipated credit on (7) above	..	54,000
9.	Excess provision for constructing three third-class bogies ..	..	4,000
	Total	..	1,32,900
	Deduct amount required for re-railing Birur-Shimoga section	..	—15,000
	Total	..	1,17,900
	or	..	1,17,000
	If Girders are sold, further credit anticipated	..	23,000
	Total	..	1,40,000

List of Capital and Depreciation Fund Works for 1931-32.

Item No.	Name of work	Amount of estimate	Budget Provision	Savings
	ENGINEERING.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs
36	Improvements to Level Crossings ..	..	2,000	1,000
37	Widening cuttings and banks ..	3,000	2,000	1,000
38	Ballast for M. G. Section ..	1,10,000	10,000	
39	Do N. G. do ...	1,00,000	5,000	5,000
46	Extension to Erecting Shop ..	57,800	30,000	26,000
	Reserve	..	...	7,400
	Total ...	...	..	40,000
	LOCO.			
45	Fans, Motors, etc., to Smithy shop ..	15,015	15,000	2,400
47	Pattern shop	19,106	20,000	894
84	Three Third Class Bogies ..	15,878	16,000	9,000
86	Electric fans in Mail Vans M. G. ..	1,142		
	N. G. ..	1,716	4,000	715
87	Purchase of new Engines ..	79,200	79,200	13,800
88	Vacuum brake fittings to N. G. coaches ..	12,941	12,940	2,500
92	Bogie trucks for under frames, T. N. Ty.	7,700	7,700	2,150
93	Purchase of Wagons	84,590	85,000	5,000
	Total ..	..	...	36,459
	Grand Total ...	..	..	76,859
	Amount required for revival of last year's Grant ..	..	...	—13,520
	Balance ..	..	...	63,339
	or ..	..	...	63,000

Retrenchments in the Medical Department.

READ—

Report of the Retrenchment Committee proposing certain retrenchments in the Medical Department.

2. Letter No. G. C. 78-1, dated 24th September 1931, from the Senior Surgeon forwarding a further list of the items of retrenchment in the Medical Department.

ORDER No. FL. 3279-81—G. F. 94-31-1, DATED 7TH NOVEMBER 1931.

The Retrenchment Committee have proposed a reduction of expenditure in the Medical Department to the extent of Rs. 1,32,299 under the various heads mentioned by them.

Government have already effected the following retrenchments while framing the current year's budget of the Department :—

	Rs.
Deputation charges	8,630
For opening new Dispensaries	8,000
Purchase of Europe Medicines and Instruments	40,000
Contingencies and other charges under M. I. Dispensaries ..	15,000
Total ..	71,630

Orders have since been issued for retrenchment on the following items :—

	Rs.
Diets of patients under the various hospitals	7,780
Abolition of the Ayurvedic and Unani Dispensaries at Shimoga ..	1,569
Scholarships for Sub-Assistant Surgeons by abolishing the system of granting new stipends from 1st July 1932	480
Scholarships for Compounders and Midwives by reduction of 14 ..	1,440
Abolition of 5 M. I. Dispensaries	15,000
Total ..	26,269

The Senior Surgeon has now forwarded a further list of the following items of retrenchment in the Department :—

Economy in Dietary Charges.—It is proposed that ragi diet may be substituted for rice to in-patients in hospitals accustomed to use ragi and that the supply of meat to them may also be cut down as far as possible. Government are pleased to sanction these proposals.

Limiting the Number of Beds in Hospitals.—Government accept the recommendation of the Senior Surgeon to limit the number of beds in the various hospitals to the normal provision, due reservation, however, being made for very urgent cases.

Charge Allowance to Sub-Assistant Surgeons.—The Retrenchment Committee have recommended that the charge allowance now given to Sub-Assistant Surgeons may be discontinued. The Senior Surgeon has, however, proposed that a uniform charge allowance of Rs. 10 may be allowed to Sub-Assistant Surgeons in charge of dispensaries irrespective of the tract in which they are stationed, provided that the allowance plus pay should not exceed Rs. 100.

Government are pleased to approve of this proposal and direct that it may be made applicable to the Sub-Assistant Surgeons attached to other Medical institutions also where such medical subordinates are now in receipt of a charge allowance. The Government Order No. G. 11813-4—Medl. 3-29-36, dated 20th May 1931, fixing the maximum emoluments of Sub-Assistant Surgeons in charge of Local Fund Dispensaries at Rs. 150 will accordingly stand modified to the extent now sanctioned.

Special Malnad Allowances to Midwives and Compounders.—In Government Order No. 2972-7—San. 4-26-3, dated 15th September 1926, the special malnad and semi-malnad allowances granted to midwives under the Malnad Improvement Scheme were enhanced from Rs. 5 and Rs. 3 respectively per mensem to Rs. 8 and Rs. 5. This concession was subsequently extended to the midwives employed in Local Fund Dispensaries in the malnad and semi-malnad tracts also. The Senior Surgeon now suggests that in lieu of the Malnad and semi-malnad allowances, these midwives may be given the benefit of the special locality allowance sanctioned in Government Order No. Fl. 3290-349—S. & A. 101-25-2, dated 27th October 1926.

This proposal is approved. The compounders will continue to draw the special locality allowance as heretofore.

Malnad Improvement Ayurvedic and Unani Dispensaries under the Malnad Improvement Scheme.—The Senior Surgeon has proposed the discontinuance of the expenditure on the marginally noted indigenous institutions maintained under the Malnad Improvement Scheme.

PAY AND ALLOWANCE PER MONTH.	Rs.	
(1) Pay of the Hakim of Avinahalli ...	30	plus 5 contingencies.
(2) Pay of Pandit of Mallipatna ...	25	,, 10 do
(3) Pay of Pandit of Ganjoor ...	25	,, 10 do
(4) Grant-in-aid to the Vaidyasala at Jinnapur ...	25	
(5) Grant to the Vaidya at Kadur for giving medical aid to Kigga, 7×12.	84	
(6) Lumpsum grant for Medicines for the Vaidyasalas (1—4) referred to above 100×4.	400	

Government accept this proposal.

Supply of Books and Instruments to Lady stipendiary Students of the Medical School.—Under existing orders, lady medical pupils are allowed the free supply of books and instruments at a cost not exceeding Rs. 275 for each. The stoppage of this concession recommended by the Senior Surgeon is approved.

The Senior Surgeon is requested to submit a statement showing the savings that will be effected as a result of the orders now passed.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,